NAVY PROGRAMME UNDER HOT FIRE

Country Gone Mad Over Spirit of Militarism, Declares Texan.

PLEA MADE FOR ECONOMY

Butler Warns Country That It Must Keep Close Watch on Japan.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The question of what the policy of the government should be with respect to the upbuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the Flouse to-day, during the consider tion of the naval appropriation bill, the debate developing much opposition to the proposed addition of two battleships to naval establishment. As on yesterday, the defense of the Philippines played an important part in the discussion, while the events of the war in the far East, from a naval point of view, were given prominence by the advocates of an increased navy. The House met an of an increased navy. The House met an hour earlier than usual, and with the exception of a brief period the entire time was consumed with the naval bill.

Country Gone Mad.

Mr. Beall (Texas), in opposing large appropriations for the navy and army, declared that the United States had gone mad over the spirit of militarism, which mad over the spirit of militarism, when was sapping the substance of the people. The government was paying as much attention to "ceremonies, pomp and power" as any government on earth, and he said it was the most extravagant government in the world.

A plea for economy in the appropriation was made by Mr. Sparkman (Florida),

was made by Mr. Sparkman (Florida), who prophesied that not in the next gen-eration, nor possibly in the next century, would this country become involved in a war between any of the great world pow-

ers.

Entertaining a similar sentiment, Mr.
Perkins (New York) ventured the assertion that no gun on any ship now in commission or on the two battleships proposed by the bill, if they were authorized,
would ever fire a hostlie shot. He provoked a sharp discussion by declaring that
warships disintegrated inside of twenty
years

years. Mr. Brick (Indiana) took issue with Mr. Brick (Indiana) took issue with him and cited the Texas, while Mr. Rixey (Virginia) maintained the correctness of Mr. Perkins's position by stating that high navai officers had declared most of the warships now in the service to be obsolete, and of no account. The statement was flatly controverted by Mr. Dayton (West Virginia), who declared that there was not a single naval officer who would say the ships in the American navy were antiquated and out of date.

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The principle of upholding the Monroe Doctrine through battleships, was declared by Mr. Thnyer (Massachusetts) to be unnecessary, "since," he said, "we are protected by the dictum of the gentleman at the other end of the avenue, who don't require any battleship of law whatever to back him up."

Keen Eye on Jacon

Keep Eye on Japan.

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Mr. Butter (Pennsylvania), turning to the subject of the Philippines, elicited Democratic applause when he said he hoped there would be found some honorable way to get rid of them. He advised this government to keep watch on Japan. He said that while we were "now friendly and loving each other and agreeing," the war with Russian would be over some day and then it would be discovered "that the fighting man of the discovered "that the fighting man of the earth lives in the island of Japan, five days from the Philippines and thirty-five days from the United States."

The House, without completing the bill, adjourned until to-morrow.

THE SENATE.

Newspaper Man Says 'He Submitted Report to Swayne.

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(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Senate to-day continued, but did not conclude consideration of the bill making appropriations for the support of the government of the District of Columbia. While the bill was before the Senate Mr. Elikins took exception to an Item for the construction of a local bridge as being in the interest of speculators and made a general plea for coonomy in the matter of appropriations.

The Swayne impeachment trial held the attention of the Senate for two hours. Everard Mead Wilson, Martin D. Merritt and Henry F. Webb. conductors on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, testified that Judge Swayne is in the habit of riding on that road on masses but

and Henry F. Webb, conductors on the Louisville and Nashville Raliroad, testified that Judge Swayne is in the habit of riding on that road on passes, but Mr. Wilson said that when the Congressional Committee was in Florida investigating the Swayne case and Judge Swayne was traveling with them he paid his fare. E. T. Davis again related the circumstances contained with the contempt proceedings against himself, Paquet and Belden. J. J. Hooten, a real estate man, told how he came near selling to Judge Swayne the land in controversy, over Swayne the land in controversy, over which the contempt case arose, and Don

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Dr. Shoop's plan to merge weddings in stays death of four companies old virginia woman and neg Restorative

McCleman, a Pensacola newspaper re-porter, testified to writing the story of the contempt proceeding. The last wit-ness said that he had submitted his manuscript to Judge Swayne, and that

MOVEMENT FOR THE PROTECTION OF GAME

Organization Formed at Mechanics' Institute Yesterday Afternoon.

At a largely attended meeting of gen At a largely attended meeting of gentlemen interested in the protection of game in the State, at the Mechanics institute last night, there were substantial results, and an organization was duly formed, calculated to make it warm for persons who break the game laws. There were about fifty gentlemen present, representing various sections of the State, and dozens of letters were received from other gentlemen, expressing their sympathy with the movement and their desire to co-operate.

The meeting was called by Mr. L. T.

iottesville. The committee reported, first, the name—Game Protective Association of Virginia; second, objects—the better protection of game and prop... enactment of sultable laws for protection and propagation of fish and birds and other game, and to stimulate such action as may tend to promote an increase in game by creating a healthy sentiment among the people; third, membership—any white person over eighteen years of ago; fourth, fec—\$1.60, farmers excepted whenever desired, but all requested to join the association. ever desired, but all requested to join the association, Officers were chosen as follows: Presi-

association.

Officers were chosen as follows: President, Dr. J. B. Fisher, of Midlothian;
L. T. Christian, secretary-treasurer, of Richmond; one hundred vice-presidents, representing each county in the State; an executive committee, to be composed of two members from each congressional district. A committee of five was appointed to draft by-laws and to put them into effect. The committee consists of Messrs, T. H. Fox, Ashland; B. D. Wingfield, A. B. Davidson, G. C. Smith, Hanover; J. R. Sheppard and the president and secretary.

An address was made by Dr. Fisher, on the destruction of game by foxes, hewks and minx, and a resolution was adopted calling upon the vice-presidents to secure county laws to prohibit the use of automatic shotsums and another commending the Richmond, Frederickshurg and Potomae Rallroad Company for

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TALES FROM DICKENS IN SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH

By HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES.

The Times-Dispatch will begin next Sunday a new and striking series of TALES FROM DICKENS, by Hallie Erminic Rives, the Virginia novelist, celebrated for her Byronic novel of the present season, "The Castaway," no less than for her successful Revolutionary story, "Hearts Courageous," of a couple of years ago.

There will be six of these tales. Each will be a complete novel of Charles Dickens, compressed artfully into the compass of a single newspaper page, simply told, but powerfully and with thorough sympathy and understanding. For her purpose Miss Rives has chosen the six novels which contain the most famous of Dickens's child characters-Little Nell, Oliver Twist, David Copperfield, etc.

These varied stories, over which an older generation smiled and shed tears, the novelist has retold thus in her own words and ways, untwining each separate thread of plot and drawing it out clear and distinct, so that the youngest child can follow its course. She has employed the simple Queen's English, chaste and unadorned, the clear, limpid prose that made Charles and Mary Lamb's "Tales from Shakespeare" a classic and has kept it in our libraries till to-day.

Indeed, as there is no age from six to sixty to which the latter volume is not popular, so Miss Rives's Tales from Dickens will be universally approved. Mothers will gather the children about them to read them by the lamp light, and afterward clip and paste them into some scrap book to use again. Those of us who read Dickens thirty years ago, and have not forgotten the fascination he exercised over our youthful minds-though our hurried modern life has small time for the two-volume novels that a more leisurely century found space for-can reread each tale in a half hour, renew acquaintance with Quilp and Peggotty and Mr. Bumble and Mr. Micawber and a host of others, and refresh memories long grown dusty from disuse.

These tales are in no sense hasty sketches of character or incident. Miss Rives's skill as a weaver of plot has enabled her to reconstruct, to set up each outline story in its entirety, with every major character in place, each idiosyncrasy drawn in sharp, rapid lines. This is a most difficult thing to do, and she has done it, we think, in a manner beyond praise. An authority on Dickens, a professor of English in a great eastern university, to whom these tales were submitted in manuscript, called them "Masterpieces in Sympathy and Construction."

Hallie Erminie Rives herself needs no introduction to the reading public. Her swift but sure rise to brilliant international success has brought her much into the lime light. Her books have made her so popular that casual articles from her pen command an almost prohibitive price. Less than a month ago a western newspaper paid her one thousand dollars for a 4,000-word description of "The Garden of the Gods," the famous show place of Colorado. This was at the rate of twentyfive cents per word.

Alabama Consolidated, Republic, Tennessee and Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron.

STOCKS

JUMPING

Iwenty-five Thousand Shares of Sloss Purchased Within Last Seven Days.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, MD., Feb. 15.—A bit of sensation was occasioned at the Battione Stock Exchange to-day by a lump feen points in the common stock of the

Must Sell in Open Market.

stock to bring about such a merger is necquired in the open market. Beversal months ago, when efforts were made to concentrate Tennessee Iron and Coal and Sloss-Sheffield and Republic Iron and Sloss-Sheffield and Iron Company, It has long been a scheme of Iron Honder's to merge the Southern seel, Iron and coal industries into one chaptany, like another United States Steel Cappany, I has long been a scheme of Iron Honder's to merge the Southern seel, Iron and coal industries into one chaptany, like another United States Steel Cappany, Ilke States Steel Capp

Is Interesting Here.

The stock of this last named company is largely held in Richmond, and the advance of the past week is of interest to many. A week ago the common stock opened at all 5-t; last night it closed at 61 5-t; last night it closed at 60. Sloss has 67 000 shares of preferred and 75,000 shares of common stock, having cauni voling power. To secure control, therefore, 71,000 shares will have to be purchased. Within the last seven days 24,700 shares of common stock alone of this company have been sold on the New York Stock Exchange, or about one-third of the entire issue of common stock. Sloss preferred stock has for some years hald saven per cent, and common stock has been earning for some time fifteen per cent. It is learned from irustworthy services that five per cent, dividend will be declared on the common stock this spring.

Miss Annie Fitzhugh Lee the Bride of Lieutenant Brown, U. S. A.

St. Paul's Church a Scene of Mrs. Edwards Was in State of Brilliancy and Beauty, A.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch;) NORFOLK, VA., February 15.—Miss Annie Fitzhugh Lee, the daughter of General Fitzhugh Lee, the president of the Jamestown Exposition, Company here, and Lieutenant Harris Brown, of the Seventh United States Cavairy, were married at 5 o'clock this evening in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Alfred M. Randolph, assisted by Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, pastor of the church.

The ushers are from the troop of the groom, the Seventh Cavalry. They were Lieutenants John Montgomery, Thomas Jennngs, Archibald Commesky, James Shannon and Wynne Blair. Lieutenant Robert C. Fay, of the First Cavalry, was

the best man,
A reception was held after the cere mony at the residence of Colonel Walter H. Taylor, former adjutant-general under Robert E. Lee, during the Civil War, who loaned his house for the occasion. Robert E. Lee, during the Civil War, who loaned his house for the occasion, as the Lees are not housekeeping here now. The out-of-town guests were Major Edward Myers, of Richmond, who escorted Mrs. Caskie Cabell, of Richmond; Mrs. Robert Carter, of Shirley.

The bride and groom left here for Chickamauga, Tenn., where Lieutenant Brown is stationed preparatory to leaving for the Philippine Islands, where the troop has been ordered.

Miss Lee was regarded as one of the handsomest girls in Virginia, and she has the same facility for making friends and the same happy and courteous demeaner of her father.

Among the wedding gifts to the bride and groom, many of which were costly and beautiful, were a box of flowers sent by President Roosevelt. The box contained a number of American Beauty troses, McKinley carnations and other blossoms.

Waddill-Clarke.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
MEH DRRIN, VA., Feb. 15.—Mr. Joe B.
Waddill and Miss Saille Clarke, both of
Prince Edward county, were married this
evening at the Meherrin Baptist Church
at 3 c clock, by Rev. Mr. Ruffin, of Keysville.

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The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion and at the above hour the ushers, who were Messrs. W. L. Wallace, W. J. Iash, H. V. Dayis and H. L. Holt, filed in and immedately following the bride and groom entered, and marched up the alse to the beautiful strains of music, rendered by Mrs. E. L. Betts.

After the ceremony the couple jet for the home of the groom, where a reception and dence were given them fo-night.

Tayloe-Williams.

Gordon—Marshall,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG. VA., Feb. 15.—
Mr. J. C. Gordon and Miss Luia Conway
Marshall, daughter of Mr. A. L. Marshall, daughter of Mr. Williams. When Miss Bessic Coleman Williams, when Miss Bessic Coleman Williams, when Miss Bessic Coleman Williams. The attendants were Misser Inc. Johnson and Virgin's Gordon.

On Recommendation of Board of Pardons, Pennypacker Withdraws Death Warrants.

GIVEN AWAY BY GEN. LEE CASES GO TO SUPREME COURT

Collapse When News Was Taken to Her.

ommendation of the Board of Pardons to-day, Governor Pennypacker withdrew under sentence to hang together in the morning for the murder of Mrs. Ed-Greason will now be again taken to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and if that tribunal refuses to reopen the case, the attorneys for Mrs. Edwards and Greason will have to appear before the Board of Pardons next month. The reason for the general. It is as follows:

of the three justices of the Supreme

ration, the application for a continuance in the Edwards case is granted and the application for a rehearing in the Greason case is granted."

The lawyers for Greason will now apply to the Supreme Court for an order opening his case in order to hear the four now witneses found by his attorneys. If the Supreme Court grants the order, the case will go back to Berks county for rotrial. In the meantime Mrs. Edwards case will be continued. But if the Supreme Court refuses the order, then the Board of Pardons will have to decide the case at its next meeting, which will be the third Wednesday in March. This respite is for ten days following that date.

After the Governor was officially informed of the action of the pardons board a messenger was sent to the sheriff of Berks county, withdrawing the death warrants.

How Mrs. Edwards Received News.

(By Associated Press.) READING, PA., Feb. 15,-When the

news of the rehearing in the Greason case and a continuance for Mrs. Edwards was sent to the jail, Mrs. Edwards was sent to the jail, Mrs. Ed-wards was lying on her cet, meaning and sobbing and giving full sway to her feelings. It was explained to her that she had at least been granted a new lease of life. It was hard to make her understand, and her replies were inco-herent. It was a long time before she could be made to realize that she would not have to hang to-morrow. After she had become composed. Mrs. Edwards

said:
"Thank God. You have brought me better news. I know that I've done a great wrong, but I'm not such a bad woman at heart? I thank God again and I thank all friends."

AFRAID OF STRONG MEDICINES.
Many people suffer for years from rheumatic pains, and prefer to do so rather than take the strong medicines usually given for rheumatism, not knowling that quick relief from pain may be had simply by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm and without taking any medicine internally. Rev. Amos Parker, of Magnolla, North Carolina, suffered for eight years with a tame hip, due to severe rheumatic pains. He has been permanently cured by the free application of Khamberlain's Pain Balm. For sale by all druggists. all druggists.

GRAND LODGE VIRGINIA MASONS

All Old Officers Re-Elected and Much Other Business

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A Royal Supper Follows the Labors of Very Busy

Day.

The three or four hundred Virginia Masons who have made the annual pilgrimage to Richmond to "attend Grand Lodge" had a good time vesterday in had to contend with. Such of the visiting craftsmen as had not been assigned to committee work spent the morning hours taking in the town and seeing the sights. The committees, however, and there are a number of them, were kept of the grand officers and the trustees of the Masonic Institutions, which were submitted, some of their without reading at the Tuesday night session of the one hundred and twenty-seventh annual com-munication of the Grand Lodge.

Masonry Progressing.

These reports, which were the subjects of committee attention yesterday, show that Masonry was never more prosperous In old Virginia than now Eleven new lodges are now working under dispensa-tion, and all of them, having fulfilled lodges are non-tion, and all of them, having futtined the requirements, are applicants for charters at this session. The increase in membership for the past year has been 879 in the State. There has been little or no friction, and harmony prevails

879 in the State. There has been little or ne friction, and harmony prevails throughout the grand jurisdiction.

The busiest committee at work yesterday was perhaps the Grand Working Committee, of which Worshipful W. T. Rhea, of Albemarie county, is chairman and grand lecturer. A very large class of craftsmen in search of Masonic knowledge, attended the all-day session of the committee, and heard and saw all of the degrees examplified.

A Discoing Entertainment

A Pleasing Entertainment.

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Yesterday afternoon members of the
Grand Lodge were entertained by the
children of the Masonic Home of this
city, which charitable institution is under the management of the Grand Lodge.
There are now about sixty orphans of
Virginia Masons being cared for in this
home. They appeared yesterday afternoon before the Grand Lodge, and under
the guidance of Mrs. H. M. Barbour, the
superintendent and matron, and other
teachers, rendered musical selections,
recitations, otc.

At the close of this pleasing entertainment the "youngest Mason" in the
world made his appearance in the persen of John Blair Kerns. This interesting youngster has a history which is

world made his appearance in the person of John Blair Kerns. This interesting youngster has a history which is worthy of record. Two years ago last December the Grand Lodge in session here was being presided over by the then Grand Master H. O. Kerns, of Halifax county. While the lodge was in session Grand Master Kerns received a telegram announcing the arrival at his house of a bouncing buby boy. The Grand Lodge claimed the privilege of naming the young Mason, and dubbed him John Blair, in honor of the first grand master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. At the terday afternoon, John Biair Kerns made his appearance in his nurse's arms. He was seated in "the grand east," adorned with a past grand master's jowel, and received with Masonic honors. The little two-year-old laughed and crowed as if he thought the whole business was mighty funny, and, indeed, it was.

The Night's Work.

The Grand Lodge was opened in "ample form" at 6:30 o'clock last night, Right Worshipful, Grand Master Thomas N. of his sons, Tom, I think, was born here

Past Grand Master R. T. W. Duke ourselves covered with a gri-claimed the floor after the election of sheet. Those were happy days. ly eloquent and vigorously patriotic in tone and gesture, presented to the Grand Lodge for the future use of its presiding officer, a silver mounted gavel, made from the timbers of the old capital building, now being tern down. This historic emblem and implement of authority is the gift to the Grand Lodge of Major J. W. Richardson, the register of the land office and keeper of the capitol.

The Grand Master, in a few appro-

The Grand Master, in a few appro-priate words, accepted the gavel on be-half of the Grand Lodge, and assured the donor that it would be used for many

the donor that it would be used for many generations to come.

The Grand Lodge heard and acted upon the reports of several of its standing committees, but most of the work done was of a secret character.

The Committee on Appropriations recommended that the State be divided into six districts instead of four, as now, and that the number of lecturers, in addition to the grand lecturer, be increased to six. The Finance Committee having already arranged for the increase expense, the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

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At 10 o'clock the Grand Lodge was "called from labor to refreshment," and Grand Steward Krause "assembled the craft" in the banquet hall, where an elegant supper was served.

The Grand Lodge will meet at 3 o'clock this efternoon, and probably complete its labors by night.

MISSING MIDSHIPMAN ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.-The Navy Department is informed that Midshipman Milton W Arrowood, of North Carolina, who recently disappeared from the battleship Kearsarge, in which he was serving his final course, has been arrested in New York. He will probably be tried by court martial for desertion.

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HAMILTON ONE HUNTON'S MEN

Veteran Actor Belonged to the Old Fighting Eighth Virginia Regiment,

FRIEND OF JOE JEFFERSON

Was Compositor on Old Richmond Dispatch Before the War.

Major B. F. Howard, entaring the dress-ing room of Theodore Hamilton, at the

ing room of Theodore Hamilton, at the Bijou Tuesday, night.

"Correct, sir," replied Mr. Hamilton.

"Won't you come in and take a seat?"
continued the old actor, rising and extending his hand.

"I have come to place you under arrest, sir," said the officer, "For forty years I have waited to catch you in this city, and now that you are here, I shall have to discharge my duty."

"That is all right," answered Mr. Hamilton, not in the least disconcerted. "Will you wait till the performance is completed, or do I go with you now?"

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pieted, or do I go with you now.

"Oh, I guess I can wait till after the show is over," was the reply of Captain Howard. "As a matter of fact, I think Colonel John Murphy has agreed to become responsible for you while in the city. I shall parole you in his custo-Reunion After Forty Years.

Forty years ago both Major Howard nd Mr. Hamilton laid down their arms

Will Call on General Hunton. Mr. Hamilton enlisted at the begin-

ning of the war in the Eighth Virginia Regiment, of which General Eppa Hunton was colonel. To-day Mr. Hamilton will call on the general to talk over old times. Last night while sitting in his dressing room, the old actor suddenly said:

"Right here, where we are sitting, was the old Swan Tayern, where Joe Jafferson used to live. I remember that one

in a room that used to stand just where we are now—another child of Jef-ferson's died in the same room." Mr. Hamilton, in speaking of the cold, said: "It isn't any colder than it was during the war up in Thoroughfare Gap. I re-member how we used to build a fire and then we would all stretch out with our

feet towards it, and sleep with the snow falling upon us. In the morning we found

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